

that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted upon adoption of the rule, and that the bill, as amended, shall be open to amendment by title. The rule provides for the consideration, before any other amendment, of the manager's amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, which shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, and shall not be subject to a division of the question. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting non-germane amendments) against the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points against the conference report on H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule also provides that H. Res. 300 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Mr. Walsh.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule waiving all points of order against consideration of H.R. 3064, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

#### COMMERCIAL SPACEPLANES

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Commercial Spaceplanes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### FATHERS COUNT ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action the Fathers Count Act of 1999.

#### BRIEFING—FBI'S REEXAMINATION OF PRC THEFT OF U.S. NUCLEAR SECRETS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on the FBI's Reexamination of Matters Pertaining to the Likely PRC Theft of U.S. Nuclear Secrets. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

### Joint Meetings

#### APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1109)

H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed October 9, 1999. (P.L. 106-69)

S. 1606, to extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted. Signed October 9, 1999. (P.L. 106-70)

S. 249, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. Signed October 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-71)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine risk management crop insurance, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings on the lessons learned from the military operations conducted as part of Operation Allied Force, and associated relief operations, with respect to Kosovo; to be followed by a closed hearing (SR-222), 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings on S. 1683, to make technical changes to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act; S. 1686, to provide for the conveyances of land interests to Chugach